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2. SUMMARY. AN MFA SOURCE HAS PROVIDED FURTHER DETAILS OF THE ASEAN FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING HELD IN BANGKOK FEBRUARY 10-12. ~~THE MINISTERS WERE INFORMED THAT THE UNSYG TOLD THE INDONESIANS THAT THE VIETNAMESE REFERRED ONLY TO THE TOP FIVE OR SIX LEADERS WHEN THEY SPOKE OF ELIMINATING THE KHMER ROUGE. THE OFFICIAL SAID THAT IT WAS NOT DISCUSSED OPENLY, BUT THAT THE ASEANS TACITLY UNDERSTOOD AMONG THEMSELVES THAT THE APPEAL FOR INCREASED ASSISTANCE WAS PRIMARILY AIMED AT THE US. ALTHOUGH THE ASEANS WERE THINKING IN TERMS OF WEAPONS, THEY UNDERSTOOD THAT THE US WOULD PROBABLY NOT PROVIDE THEM TO THE RESISTANCE. THE ASEANS AGREED THAT THEY THEMSELVES MUST PROVIDE GREATER ASSISTANCE. A CGDK COMMITTEE IS TO BE ESTABLISHED FOR POLITICAL/MILITARY COORDINATION AMONG THE THREE GROUPS. INDONESIA'S FOREIGN MINISTER MOCHTAR IS CONSIDERING A VISIT TO VIETNAM BEFORE APRIL IN ORDER TO PREEMPT A POSSIBLE VISIT TO INDONESIA BY VIETNAMESE DEFENSE MINISTER VAN TIEN DUNG IN THAT MONTH AT THE INVITATION OF BENNY MURDANI.~~ END SUMMARY.

3. THE HEAD OF THE MFA'S SOUTHEAST ASIA DIVISION PROVIDED SOME DETAILS OF THE BANGKOK ASEAN FOREIGN MINISTERS' MEETING WHICH COMPLEMENTS THE INFORMATION IN REFTELS.

UN SECRETARY-GENERAL'S SOUTHEAST ASIA TOUR

4. IN AN INFORMAL MEETING AND DINNER ON FEBRUARY 10 THE FOREIGN MINISTERS COMPARED NOTES ON THE VISITS TO THE AREA OF CHINESE FOREIGN MINISTER WU XUEQIAN AND UN SECRETARY-GENERAL PEREZ DE CUELLAR. ACCORDING TO THE OFFICIAL, THE MINISTERS AGREED THAT THERE WAS NO SUBSTANTIVE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE POINTS RAISED BY WU IN SINGAPORE AND BANGKOK, BUT THERE WERE A COUPLE OF INTERESTING POINTS RAISED BY THE UNSYG IN SINGAPORE AND JAKARTA, WHICH HE DID NOT MENTION IN BANGKOK. THE OFFICIAL SAID THAT ~~THE UNSYG TOLD THE INDONESIANS HE HAD ASKED THE VIETNAMESE WHAT THEY MEANT BY THE ELIMINATION OF POL POT. HE SAID THAT THE VIETNAMESE REPLIED THAT THEY WERE REFERRING ONLY TO FIVE OR SIX TOP KHMER ROUGE LEADERS. SECONDLY, THE SYG REPORTEDLY TOLD THE SINGAPOREANS THAT VIETNAMESE FOREIGN MINISTER THACH REITERATED TO THE SYG THAT THE VIETNAMESE WILL COMPLETE WITHDRAWAL FROM CAMBODIA IN FIVE-TEN YEARS EVEN IF THERE IS NO POLITICAL SETTLEMENT. IN RESPONSE TO DHANABALAN'S QUESTION WHY THE VIETNAMESE WOULD BOTHER LOOKING FOR A POLITICAL SETTLEMENT IF THAT WERE THE CASE, THE SYG REPORTEDLY SAID THAT VIETNAM'S DESIRE TO SEEK A POLITICAL SETTLEMENT NOW STEMMED FROM VIETNAM'S ECONOMIC PROBLEMS. EVEN THOUGH THE VIETNAMESE BELIEVED THEY COULD LIVE WITH A CONTINUATION OF THE WAR OVER THE NEXT~~

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~~FIVE-TEN YEARS, IF NECESSARY.~~
AID TO THE CGDK

5. THE MFA OFFICIAL BRIEFLY DISCUSSED POINT SEVEN OF THE ASEAN FOREIGN MINISTERS JOINT STATEMENT OF FEBRUARY 11 CONCERNING THE ASEAN REQUEST FOR INCREASED INTERNATIONAL SUPPORT AND ASSISTANCE FOR THE RESISTANCE. HE SAID THAT ALTHOUGH IT WAS NEVER OPENLY LIMDIS

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6. THE OFFICIAL SAID THAT ~~THE ASEAN FOREIGN MINISTERS AGREED THAT ASEAN MUST INCREASE AID, SPECIFICALLY MILITARY AID, TO THE CGDK.~~ THEY RECOGNIZED THAT EACH COUNTRY HAD LIMITED RESOURCES, BUT THEY MUST ALL CHIP IN. FOREIGN MINISTER SITTHI GAVE EACH OF THE FOREIGN MINISTERS A LIST OF THE ITEMS WHICH THE NON-COMMUNISTS NEEDED, AND EACH WAS ASKED TO PROVIDE WHAT HIS COUNTRY COULD DONATE. ACCORDING TO THE OFFICIAL, ONLY THE PHILIPPINES DID NOT COMMIT ITSELF TO INCREASED ASSISTANCE. ~~HOWEVER, HE SAID THAT BRUNET IS KEEPING ITS ASSISTANCE SECRET, EVEN FROM THE OTHER ASEANS, AND WILL BE PROVIDING MONEY DIRECTLY TO THE THAI.~~

7. THE OFFICIAL TOLD US THAT THE THREE FACTIONS OF THE CGDK HAVE AGREED TO COOPERATE MILITARILY AND POLITICALLY. A COMMITTEE WILL BE ESTABLISHED TO COORDINATE THIS ACTIVITY, WHICH WILL INSURE THAT ACTIONS DECIDED UPON AT CGDK CABINET MEETINGS ARE FOLLOWED UP, REVIEW THE POLITICAL/MILITARY SITUATION AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR MILITARY ACTIVITY. A KPNLF OFFICIAL TOLD US THAT HE THOUGHT THAT THE ALREADY ESTABLISHED CGDK COORDINATING COMMITTEE FOR NATIONAL DEFENSE WOULD HANDLE THE COORDINATION, AT LEAST INITIALLY. THE FIRST MEETING IS TO BE HELD MARCH 1, ACCORDING TO THE KPNLF OFFICIAL.

8. IN ORDER TO GET THE OTHER ASEANS MORE DEEPLY INVOLVED OPERATIONALLY, THE THAI ARE SETTING UP AN INFORMAL ASEAN COORDINATING COMMITTEE, WHICH WILL CONSIST OF AN OFFICER FROM EACH OF THE ASEAN EMBASSIES AND THE THAI SOUTHEAST ASIA DIVISION. THE GROUP WILL

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MEET PERIODICALLY TO REVIEW POLITICAL AND DIPLOMATIC ACTIVITY OF THE NON-COMMUNISTS, AS WELL AS THE MILITARY SITUATION. THE OFFICIAL SAID THE MALAYSIANS AND INDONESIANS OFTEN COMPLAIN THAT THEY CANNOT BE ACTIVE BECAUSE THEY DO NOT KNOW ENOUGH ABOUT WHAT IS GOING ON. THE COORDINATING GROUP WILL PARTLY BE A MEANS OF KEEPING THE ASEANS INFORMED OF DEVELOPMENTS.
MOCHTAR'S TRIP TO HANOI

. INDONESIAN FOREIGN MINISTER MOCHTAR TOLD THE ASEAN MINISTERS THAT INDONESIAN ARMED FORCES COMMANDER BENNY MURDANI WANTED TO INVITE SRV MINISTER OF DEFENSE VAN TIEN DUNG TO VISIT INDONESIA IN APRIL IN RETURN FOR THE MURDANI TRIP TO HANOI. MOCHTAR SAID THAT SUHARTO HAS NOT YET APPROVED THE INVITATION. THE OFFICIAL SAID THAT MOCHTAR EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT IF CONTACTS WITH THE VIETNAMESE REMAIN IN THE MILITARY CHANNEL THIS WILL CAUSE PROBLEMS FOR THE INDONESIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY. MOCHTAR SAID THAT AS A CONSEQUENCE HE IS CONSIDERING A VISIT TO VIETNAM BEFORE APRIL IN ORDER TO PREEMPT MURDANI. CONCERNING THE INDONESIAN ARMY ATTITUDE TOWARD VIETNAM, THE THAI OFFICIAL SAID MOCHTAR ASKED THE ASEAN MINISTERS TO BE PATIENT. ~~MOCHTAR REPORTEDLY SAID THE~~
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~~INDONESIAN ARMY TENDS TO MYTHOLOGIZE THE VIETNAMESE,~~
~~VIEWING THEM AS THE GREAT LIBERATORS. MOCHTAR SAID THIS~~
~~ATTITUDE WAS CHANGING, BUT SLOWLY.~~ THE VIETNAMESE ACTIONS IN CAMBODIA WERE AN IMPORTANT AGENT IN CHANGING THE INDONESIAN MILITARY'S PERCEPTIONS.

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